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## RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION ISSUED DECEMBER 9, 2003

Dear Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a transcriptional regulatory element responsive to the presence of auxin, wherein said polynucleotide is selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, and 16; nucleotides 647-1307 of SEQ ID NO: 3; nucleotides 647-1307 of SEQ ID NO: 4; and nucleotides 647-1306 of SEQ ID NO: 16.

38. (Previously presented) A recombinant expression cassette, comprising a polynucleotide of interest operably linked, in sense or anti-sense orientation, to an isolated polynucleotide of Claim 37.